Amended Claims

Please amend claims 1,3, 6 and 7 as set forth in clean copy form on pages 5 through 8, inclusive.

Added Claims

Please add new claims 16-19 as set forth on page 9.

Cancelled Claims

Please cancel claim 2 and claims 11 through 15.

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SWITCHING BETWEEN BROWSER AND VIDEO MODES WHILE SAVING THE RETURN ADDRESS OF THE BROWSER MODE AND THE ADDRESS OF THE VIDEO IN LOCAL MEMORY

Amended Final Paragraph on Page 13

Then in step 604, the present invention plays the selected video. When the selected video is finished playing, the present invention returns to the original browser mode page by loading the return file corresponding to the return filename and its directory as stored in the VCD-ROM disk in step 606. Since the filename of the original browser mode page and its associated directory were saved in a reserved portion of the memory, the original browser mode (i.e., browser page) is restored. The process then terminates in step 608.

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1. Amended. A method for switching between browser mode and video mode in a standalone CD-ROM system for playing a CD-ROM disk, comprising the steps of:

selecting, within the browser mode, a video for playback;

switching from the browser mode to a video mode;

playing the selected video in the video mode; and

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returning to the browser mode to enable the user to resume browsing the content of the CD-ROM disk,

wherein the switching step further comprises the steps of:

reserving a portion of a memory other than the CD-ROM disk;

storing a return address in the reserved portion of the memory; and

storing the starting and ending addresses of the video in the reserved portion of the memory.

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3.   <u>Amended</u>. The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein the video CD-ROM system plays the video from the starting address to the ending address.

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6.   Amended.   A method for switching between browser and video modes in a standalone video CD-ROM system for playing a CD-ROM disk, the method comprising the steps of:

loading data segment of a browser program into a memory unit other than the CD-ROM disk to enable a user to browse the content of the CD-ROM disk in the browser mode;

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selecting a video to play within the browser mode;

switching from the browser mode to the video mode;

playing the selected video in the video mode; and

returning to the browser mode to enable the user to resume browsing the content of the CD-ROM disk.

7.   Underlined. The method as recited in Claim 6 wherein the switching step further comprises the steps of:

reserving a portion of the memory unit;

storing a return address in the reserved portion of the memory unit; and

storing the starting and ending addresses of the video in the reserved portion of the memory unit.

16.   A standalone video CD-ROM system comprising:

a video CD-ROM disk containing a browser program and data including text, graphics, images, audio, and video;

a means for browsing the video CD-ROM disk;

a video CD player for playing back the content of the video CD-ROM disk in first and second modes wherein the first mode plays back data excluding video and the second mode plays back video only;

a means for selecting a video to play back; and

a means, responsive to the selecting means, for switching from the first mode to the second mode to play back the video and then back to the first mode,

wherein the switching means further comprises

a means for reserving a portion of a memory other than the CD-ROM;

a means for storing a return address in the reserved portion of the memory; and

a means for storing the starting and ending addresses of the selected video in the reserved portion of the memory.

17.   The video CD-ROM system as recited in Claim 16 further comprising the steps of:

reading the return address from the reserved portion of the memory; and loading a return file corresponding to the return address.

18.   The video CD-ROM system as recited in Claim 17 wherein the first mode is a browser mode and the second mode is a video mode

19.   The video CD-ROM system as recited in Claim 17 wherein the video is selected by a user.